## **Best Available Copy**



## UNITED TES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, D.C. 20231

| APPLICATION NO.                         | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR |       | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. |      |              |
|---|-------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|------|--------------|
| 09/019,667                              | 02/06/98    | MAYES                |       | D                   | TE   | X98-01       |
|   |             | MANATIA ATIA         | · ¬   | EXAMINER            |      |              |
| HAMILTON BROOK SMITH & REYNOLDS         |             |                      | /0620 | NGUYEI              | V. T | X.00         |
| TWO MILITIA DRIVE<br>LEXINGTON MA 02173 |             |                      | •     | ART UNIT            |      | PAPER NUMBER |
| CEXINGIUM MA                            | 1 UZI/3     |                      |       | 2877                |      |              |
|   |             |                      |       | DATE MAILE          |      | 5/20/00      |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks** 



Response to Rule 312 Communication

## Application No. 09/019,667

Applicant(s)

Mayes

Examiner

Tu Nguyen

Group Art Unit 2877



| The petition filed on examiner for consideration on the merits. | under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the |
|---|---|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                           |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
|   |   |
| X The amendment filed on Sep 1, 1995                            | under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:                 |
| 🛚 entered.  |   |
| entered as directed to matters of form                          | not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).                |
| ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.                           |   |
| entered in part. See explanation below                          | <i>i</i> .  |
|   |   |
| All the submitted declarations have been cons                   | idered. The case is still in condition of allowance.                  |
|   |   |
|   |   |
| ,   |   |
|   |   |

Frank G. Font
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Technology Center 2800